THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (c)The knob, not the body of the pressure regulator is made of plastic. When Pin Type regulators were initially introduced in the market, there were a few complaints regarding breakage of the knob. By using superior quality material for the knob and improving the design of the Pressure Regulators, this defect has been overcome.

(b) Damaged/defective pressure regulators are replaced free of charge. The tariff rate (currently Rs. 75) is charged only if it is established that the damage has been caused due to a tampering/negligence on the part of the consumer.

Delivery time for LPG Refill

56. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any normal delivery time has been fixed by Government for supply of LPG refill by an LPG dealer to a consumer;

(b) if so, what is the normal delivery time stipulated for this purpose; and whether this is being implemented;

(c) Whether Government is aware that LPG dealers for NOIDA take minimum two weeks time for supply of a refill to the consumer of LPG residing there; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The LPG distributors are under instruction to supply LPG refills to their consumers within 24 hours of booking.

(c) and (d) A backlog in supply of refills developed at several locations including NOIDA in the last two months on account of factors like seasonal increase in demand, Industrial Relation and operational problems at certain bottling plants and transportation bottlenecks etc. The oil companies endeavour to augment supplies, to the extent feasible by moving LPG refills from other sources, to take care of the increased demand etc.

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57. **श्री सुनील कुमार पटनायक : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन में सेल्स अफसर और फील्ड अफसर के रूप में कार्यरत व्यक्ति पिछले तीन वर्षों से इन्हीं पदों पर काम कर रहे हैं यद्यपि उन्हें असिस्टेंट मैनेजर के रूप में पदोन्नत किया जा चुका है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या उन्हें निकट भविष्य में स्थानान्तरित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर हां, हो तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) में वर्णित पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तो क्या उन्हें भरे जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) से (ग) फील्ड में काम कर रहे आई० ओ० सी० के

अधिकारियों को यदि वे वर्ग "क" में हैं तो उन्हें बिक्री अधिकारी कहा जाता है और यदि वर्ग "ख" हैं तो उन्हें सहायक प्रबन्धक कहा जाता है । अतः यदि एक बिक्री अधिकारी सहायक प्रबन्धक के पद पर पदोन्नत हो जाता है तब भी वह वही कार्य कर सकता है । पदधारियों का स्थानान्तरण उनके रहने की अवधि, कार्य की आवश्यकता तथा कोई वैयक्तिक सामंजस्य आदि को ध्यान में रखकर सामान्य दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार किया जाता है ।

(घ) और (ङ) चूंकि देश में बिक्री अधिकारियों और सहायक प्रबन्धकों के पदों की संख्या लगभग एक हजार है, इसलिए पदों का विवरण इस समय उपलब्ध नहीं है । फिर भी कार्य की आवश्यकता के अनुसार कारपोरेशन द्वारा समय-समय पर पद भरे जाते हैं ।

Power share of Punjab

58. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 591 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) what has been the total shortfall in the actual supply of energy to Punjab in relation to the requirement during the last three years; and

(b) what effective measures, if any, are taken by Government for delivering the State's share of power from the Central Projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The required information is as under:—

(*Figure in MU*)

Year	Requirement	Availability	Shortage
1984-85	9585	7741	1844
1985-86	10525	9581	944
1986-87	11679	11197	482

(b) Constant efforts have been made so as to see that Punjab receives its share of power from the central projects. The trend of supply of power from central projects to Punjab has improved in February and March, 1987.

Wastage of energy

59. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of energy wasted *vis-a-vis* the total production in the country; and

(b) what steps have been taken to check wasteful consumption of energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A specific quantification of wastage of energy by itself has not been carried out on a national scale although such areas are identified during the course of energy audits which are being undertaken for the consuming sectors. The available studies on the scope of conservation of energy *inter-alia* include an assessment of the savings possible through upgradation of process, change of equipment and better house keeping and maintenance practices. These studies indicate saving potential to the extent of 25 per cent, 20 percent and